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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 24-Sep-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range Weig	ghted Price	# of Boxes
09/20	2,307	5.80	59-81	66.02	8,695
09/21	2,336	5.66	61-81	65.61	7,797
09/22	2,317	5.69	59-81	65.98	8,063
09/23	2,336	5.55	59-75	65.57	6,318
09/24	2,227	5.63	59-82	66.18	8,182
Weekly	11,524	5.67	Cumulative:	65.89	39,056

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 27-Sep-04

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	63.26	62.74	58.95
Chicago	61.60	61.58	56.65
Detroit	61.88	61.57	56.36
Los Angeles	80.24	80.05	71.57
Composite Weighted Average	69.92	69.21	63.23

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 24-Sep-04

Weekly	Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	140.68	2,889,059
Tenderloins	163.57	665,020
Breast - With Ribs	87.28	634,420
Breast - Line Run	82.42	695,200
Legs	40.23	1,229,033
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	31.23	1,724,239
Drumsticks	38.62	627,980
Thighs	39.60	436,280
B/S Thighs	68.43	349,640
Wings (Whole)	109.48	598,620
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(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg)

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 18-Sep-04

	Current	Last		10-Weeks	7-Weeks
	Week	Week	Year Ago	Prior	Prior
Eggs Set	198,110	202,346	193,335	211,352	214,939
Chicks Placed	172,651	174,288	165,761	175,620	172,811

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 18-SEP-04

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	Year Ago
Head (000)	154,376	149,574	156,044
Average Live Weight	5.33	5.31	5.30
To Date 2004 (000)	5,783,232	5,628,856	
To Date 2003 (000)	5,696,460	5,540,416	

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on August 31,2004 were 1% lower than the previous month and 1% lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month, but 18% higher than last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 2% from last month and down 17% from August 31, 2003.

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